

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to improve the style of this application. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the careful reading of the claims, for pointing out discrepancies, and for providing suggestions. Applicant also thanks the Examiner for indicating allowable subject matter.

With this Amendment Applicant has amended claim 21 to include the features of claim 22. The rejection indicates that claim 22 includes subject matter which defines over the prior art. It is Applicant's position that new claim 21 now also includes subject matter which defines over the prior art. Since claim 21 is an independent claim, it is Applicant's position that claim 21, and its dependent claims, should now be allowable.

Claim 35 has been amended to include the features of claim 37. The Office Action indicates that claim 37 includes allowable subject matter. It is Applicant's position that independent claim 35 now also includes allowable subject matter and is allowable.

New claim 44 has been added which is a combination of claims 21, 24 and 25. The Office Action indicates that claim 25 includes allowable subject matter. It is Applicant's position that new independent claim 44 therefore also includes allowable subject matter, and is allowable.

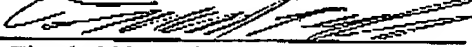
It is Applicant's position that all of the independent claims in this application are now in compliance with U.S. patent regulations. Applicant respectfully requests that this application now be passed to issuance.

If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions which would further favorable

prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's representative by telephone to discuss possible changes.

Favorable action on the merits of this application is respectfully requested.

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